

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-37. Claims 38-44 were previously cancelled.

45. (Newly added) A handle implement comprising:

an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally rounded and being generally parallel to a longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered rear end is situated on said axis at the center of said body;

a thumb positioning section situated on said top surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a concave indentation, said thumb positioning section sloping downwardly from said indentation towards said opposing sides of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a thumb rest section; and

an index finger rest section situated on said bottom surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said index finger rest section comprising a cavity with an extended protrusion, said protrusion designed to cover at least a portion of user's index finger.

46. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 45 further comprising an encirclable section situated adjacent said rear end of said body, said section being generally rounded in its circumference.

47. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 46 wherein said encirclable section is designed to support user's palms and three fingers.

48. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb positioning section is situated above said index finger rest section.

49. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 45 further comprising an aperture situated adjacent said rear end of said body.

50. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section is recessed relative to said thumb positioning section.

51. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section protrudes relative to said thumb positioning section.

52. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said index finger rest section.

53. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said thumb positioning section.

54. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 45 wherein said thumb rest section is constructed of a different material relative to said body and said thumb positioning section.

55. (Newly added) A handle implement comprising:

an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally rounded and being generally parallel to a longitudinal axis at the center of said body, said tapered rear end is situated on said axis at the center of said body;

a thumb positioning section situated on said top surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a concave indentation, said thumb positioning section sloping downwardly from said indentation towards said opposing sides of said body, said thumb positioning section comprising a thumb rest section; and

an encirclable section situated adjacent said rear end of said body, said section being generally rounded in its circumference.

56. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said encirclable section is designed to support user's palms and three fingers.

57. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb positioning section is situated above said index finger rest section.

58. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said thumb positioning section, said expansion of said rear end forming said encirclable section.

59. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section is recessed relative to said thumb positioning section.

60. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section protrudes relative to said thumb positioning section.

61. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section comprises a friction enhancing surface texture.

62. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section comprises friction enhancing protrusions extending therefrom.

63. (Newly added) The implement of Claim 55 wherein said thumb rest section is constructed of a different material relative to said body and said thumb positioning section.

64. (Newly added) A handle implement comprising:

an elongated body having a tapered front side and a tapered rear end, top and bottom surfaces and opposing sides, said body being generally parallel to a longitudinal

axis at the center of said body, said tapered rear end is situated on said axis at the center of said body; and

an index finger rest section situated on said bottom surface of said body adjacent to said front side of said body, said index finger rest section comprising a cavity with an extended protrusion, said protrusion designed to cover at least a portion of user's index finger, said tapered front and rear ends extend outwardly toward one another and then tapers adjacent said index finger rest section.